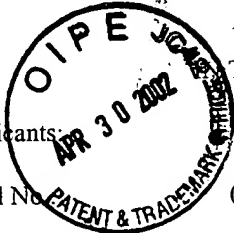


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2002 for one month from March 25, 2002 to April 25, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,
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